Government is subsidizing the consumer prices of domestic LPG and Kerosene distributed through the public distribution system.

Recommendation for World Heritage Sites

723. PROF. M. SANKARALINGAM: Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Kumbhalgarh Fort and Ranakpur Jain Temple Complex of Rajasthan would be recommended for World Heritage Site status next year;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether Government propose to recommend any tourist place in Tamilnadu in particular and other States in general for World Heritage Site status;

(d) if so, the details thereof; and

(e) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) and (b) The matter is under consideration of the Government. In due course, suitable recommendation, by Government of India could be made.

(c) and (d) Two World Heritage Sites from Tamilnadu are already on the World Heritage List and thirteen sites from India have been proposed and placed on the tentative list for nomination to the World Heritage List of UNESCO. Statement is enclosed (*See* below).

(e) Question does not arise.

Statement

Tentative List of Indian Sites for Nomination to World Heritage

1. Prehistoric Rock Shelter and Caves with Paintings at Bhimbetka, Madhya Pradesh
2. Remains of the Historical City of Champaner, Gujarat
3. Dholavira, a harappan City, Gujarat

4. Rani-ki-Vav (The Queen's Stepwell) at Patan, Gujarat
5. Buddhist Monastery Complex, Alchi, Ladakh
6. Group of Monuments at Mandu, Madhya Pradesh
7. Mattanchery Palace, Ernakulam, Kerala
8. Temples at Bishnupur, West Bengal
9. Ancient Buddhist Site, Sarnath, Varanasi, Uttar Pradesh
10. Victoria Terminus, Mumbai
11. Hemis Gompa, Ladakh
12. Golconda Fort, Hyderabad, Andhra Pradesh
13. Tomb of Sher Shah Suri, Sasaram, Bihar

Development of Kodagu District for Tourism Destination

724. SHRI JANARDHANA POOJARY : Will the Minister of TOURISM AND CULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) the criteria for designating a place as tourism spot;

(b) whether areas endowed with natural beauties are also classified as areas of tourist interest;

(c) if so, whether Government are aware that Kodagu district in Karnataka is surfiet with mountains, rivers and plantations and its rich cultural heritage;

(d) if so, whether Government have any proposal to develop Kodagu district as a tourism destination both for inland and overseas tourists;

(e) if so, by when; and

(f) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF TOURISM AND CULTURE (SHRI JAGMOHAN): (a) There is no scheme to designate a place as a Tourist Spot by the Department of Toursim, Government of India.

(b) Does not arise.